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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Ryan C. Hoesly	3727

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/22/04</u> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds 150 words.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 14 and 15 recite the limitation "releasable securing device." There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. While it is assumed that the "releasable securing device" is meant to be synonymous with the "zipper chain" of claim 12, there is no indication of this given in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams et al (US Patent Number 5154332). Williams teaches an enclosure for back carried-equipment that includes a front panel (26), a back panel (28), two side panels (34a and 34b), a top panel (32) and a bottom panel (30) that form a main compartment (16). Williams discloses a releasable securing device, which in the preferred embodiment is a zipper (14c), for accessing the main compartment with a terminating end disposed on the back panel and the beginning end on the front pane. The zipper of the Williams device is oriented longitudinally when the backpack is held upright and terminates at the shoulder straps (52) where the end of the zipper would rest against a wearer's body when worn. The top panel of the Williams device could be considered the bottom or side panel depending on the orientation of the device. For example, in Figures 7 and 8 disclosed by Williams, it is shown that the releasable securing devices and panels of the enclosure can take a variety of orientations while remaining within the scope and spirit of the disclosure. Williams further discloses, "a closure device could be configured in a T orientation" (column 5, line 22) which would position a releasable securing device laterally where it would extend across a portion of the side panel. Additionally, a second set of straps (18) are disposed laterally, which, when carried in this orientation, would cause the releasable securing device to extend across at least a portion of the side panel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al (US Patent Number 5154332) as applied to claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21-24 above. Williams teaches an enclosure for back-carried equipment with a releasable securing device that spans a plurality of panels. As disclosed in column 5, line 54 "modifications of the present invention are contemplated and can be resorted to by those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention." Williams discloses many different embodiments and orientations for the releasable securing devices and the enclosure, therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to change the length or orientation of the releasable securing devices while remaining within the scope and spirit of the Williams enclosure. As shown by Figure 8 disclosed by Williams, the releasable securing devices can have a length spanning from just a portion of the back panel to a majority of the back panel and it would be obvious to have the length of the releasable securing device extend at least substantially halfway along the back panel.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art made of record is located in the Notice of

References Cited (PTO Form-892). Jacobson (US Patent Number 3316951) teaches a golf bag carrying case that further shows the use of zippers spanning a plurality of panels and terminating on the rear panel. Hernandez (US Patent Number 6109495) teaches a backpack with inflatable pockets that further shows the use of zippers spanning from the side panels to the back panel.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan C. Hoesly whose telephone number is (571)-272-6083. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee Young can be reached on (571) 272-4549. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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